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memory of those
who have gone
before leaving
their unfinished
task for us to
Carry
On

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The Reserve Officers Training Corps

THE RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS was organized in 1916 by the National Defense Act to provide systematic military training at civil educational institutions, for the purpose of qualifying selected students for appointment as reserve officers in the military forces of the United States. It has grown and flourished wonderfully and today is an integral part in our present policy of national defense.

Today there are approximately three hundred units in about one hundred and twenty institutions. During the academic year 1922-1923 there were over 100,000 R. O. T. C. students in training at the many schools and colleges of our country. The 1923 commencements just past, saw over 4,000 seniors who had completed the four years work, commissioned as second lieutenants in the Officers Reserve Corps.

The R. O. T. C. is authorized by section 40, National Defense Act 1916 as amended, which is quoted below, in order that everybody may know just what its status is.

> "Sec. 40. The President is hereby authorized to establish and maintain in civil educational institutions, a Reserve Officers Training Corps, one or more units in number, which shall consist of a senior division organized at universities and colleges granting degrees, including State universities and those state institutions that are required to provide instruction in military tactics under the act of Congress of July 2, 1862, donating lands for the establishment of colleges where the leading object shall be practical instruction in agriculture and mechanic arts, including military tactics, and at those essentially military schools not conferring academic degrees, specially designated by the Secretary of War as qualified, and a junior division organized at all other public and private educational institutions, and each division shall consist of units of the several arms, corps, or services, in such number and such strength as the President may prescribe:
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> "PROVIDED: That no such unit shall be established or maintained at any institution until an officer of the regular army shall have been detailed as professor of military science and tactics, nor until such institution shall maintain under military instruction at least one hundred physically fit male students, except that in the case of units other than infantry, cavalry, or artillery, the minimum number shall be fifty: PROVIDED FURTHER, That except at state institutions described in this section, no unit shall be established or maintained in an educational institution until the authorities of the same agree to establish and maintain a two years' elective or compulsory course of military training as a minimum for its physically fit male students, which course, when entered upon by any student, shall, as regards such student be a prerequisite for graduation unless he is relieved of this obligation by regulations prescribed by the Secretary of War."

The general method of conducting R. O. T. C. work is to have one or more units of the different arms such as infantry, cavalry, or artillery in each school organized in a regular academic department, known usually as the Military Department. The instruction is all conducted by officers and non-commissioned officers of the regular army in accordance with general sched-

ules prescribed by the War Department. Equipment and supplies of all kinds are furnished by the army. Uniforms, arms, and ammunition are the same as used in the regular service. In short, all instruction is practical and given with the idea of preparing the graduate to be a second lieutenant in his own particular branch of the service.

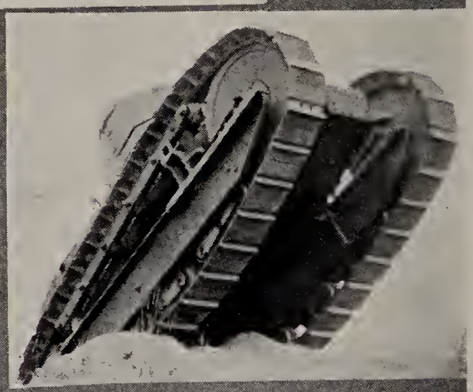
The course is divided into two parts. The freshmen and sophomores are in the basic course, and selected juniors and seniors in the advanced course leading to a commission. The juniors are required to attend one camp of six weeks duration at the end of their junior academic year. The following pages are a pictorial history of the 1923 Camp Custer R. O. T. C. Camp.

Camp Custer Honor Medal

On the firing line

The Engineers were responsible for this exhibit

Machine Gun Practice



The Engineers built this

R. O. T. C. Training

THE object of the training camps for the Reserve Officers Training Corps is to supplement the military and technical training received by students at institutions with further practical instruction necessary for their final qualification for commissions in the Officers' Reserve Corps.

The War Department program for this year requires 209 hours of instruction for all branches of the service. In order to complete this instruction, it was necessary to commence work the second day of camp and continue until the next to the last day with five hours of instruction in the morning and two in the afternoon with the exception of Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

For the Infantry training it is found that few institutions have the facilities for rifle target practice, musketry and tactics. Consequently, these subjects form the major part of the infantry training. Additional training is given in pistol marksmanship, drill and command, calesthenics, field engineering, first aid, sanitation, hygiene, disease prevention, and guard duty, with machine gun and 37 mm. gun for those students who have attended a previous basic camp.

At no time in the history of warfare has the practice of engineering been of greater importance to the infantry soldier than at present, and the training of the Engineer company has been conducted with the idea of linking up the engineer's work with that of the man with whom he should cooperate — the Infantryman — who looks to him for technical advice and assistance.

The troop received their elementary instruction during the first week of camp. From the first week until rifle range practice the morning instruction was divided into a short period of equitation to settle the students into their saddles and a long period of tactics often ending in a cross country ride back to the picket line. A series of tours of the camp from the kitchen to the horse shoer's shop during the afternoons gave the students an insight into the management of a camp. The rifle range work and musketry was given in conjunction with the infantry. After the pistol course came more cross country rides and tactics ending up in the last week with a march, an overnight camp and a maneuver against a picked troop from the 14th U. S. Cavalry.

In time of war the Signal Corps must provide each combat division of the army with a signal company to install and operate its communications. The captain and four lieutenants with each of these companies should have tactical training as well as technical in order to best assist in division operations and should be young, active men capable of bearing the physical hardships of a long campaign — in other words, the type of leader the infantry needs with its companies but having, in addition, the requisite technical knowledge of signal methods and equipment.

In addition to the fundamental military training of Signal Corps officers the instruction schedule of our 1923 Camp Custer Signal Camp included physical training, equitation, pistol firing, military topography, radio, air service communications and wire-laying under assumed battle conditions.

Although weather conditions have caused the course of training to appear hard at times the students have met the discomforts in a most satisfactory manner. The instructors are united in their appreciation of the interest exhibited by the students this year in their training.

Snappy Shots

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First Battalion

Company "A"

Company "A"

(Infantry)

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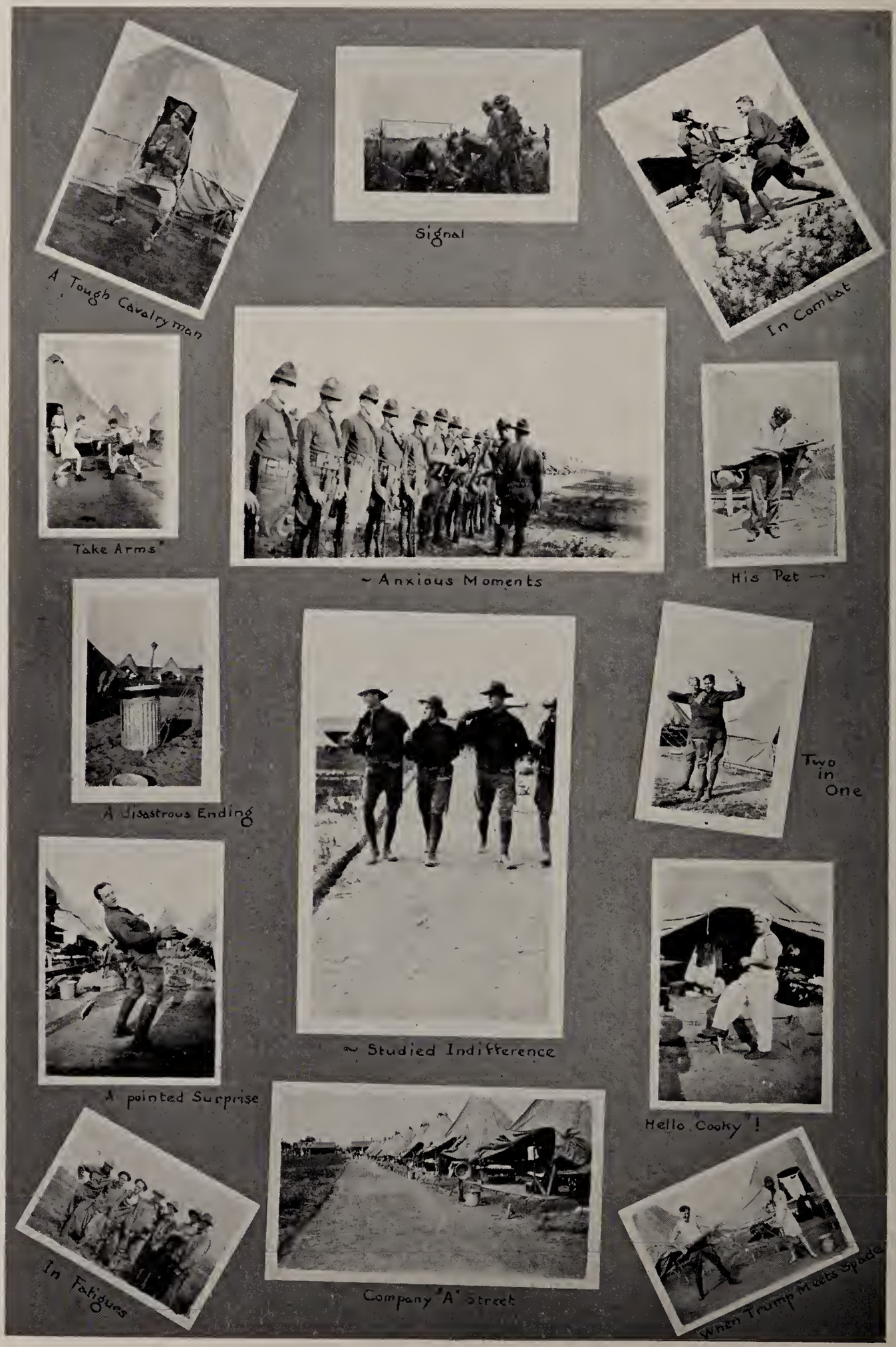
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Signal
In Combat
Take Arms
~ Anxious Moments
His Pet
A Disastrous Ending
~ Studied Indifference
Two in One
A pointed Surprise
Hello Cooky !
In Fatigues
Company "A" Street
When Trump Meets Spade

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Second - Battalion

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Company "D"

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Company "E"

(Engineers)

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Troop "F"

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Scabbard and Blade

Scabbard and Blade is a national honorary military fraternity with thirty-nine companies in the leading universities and colleges of the United States.

It demands men of high character who possess leadership, patriotism, and military ability.

On June 26, the Scabbard and Blade men at the camp gathered to form the temporary Camp Custer company.

Weekly meetings and a dinner dance at Gull Lake provided diversion and cemented friendships between the officers, the men and the various companies.

Preamble

Constitution of the National Society of Scabbard and Blade

Believing that military service is an obligation of citizenship, and that the greater opportunities afforded college men for the study of military science place upon them certain responsibilities as citizens, We, Cadet Officers in various Universities and Colleges conferring baccalaureate degrees, do form this Society and adopt this Constitution in order to unite in closer relationship the military departments of American Universities and Colleges; to preserve and develop the essential qualities of good and efficient officers; to prepare ourselves as educated men to take a more active part and to have a greater influence in the military affairs of the communities in which we may reside and above all to spread intelligent information concerning the military requirements of our country.

Top row, left to right—Dry, Mason, Tipton, Clark, Mainwaring, Brown, Miller, Strider, Sammons, Porter, Schultz, Solomon, Shire, Youngblood.
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THE LOST CHORD

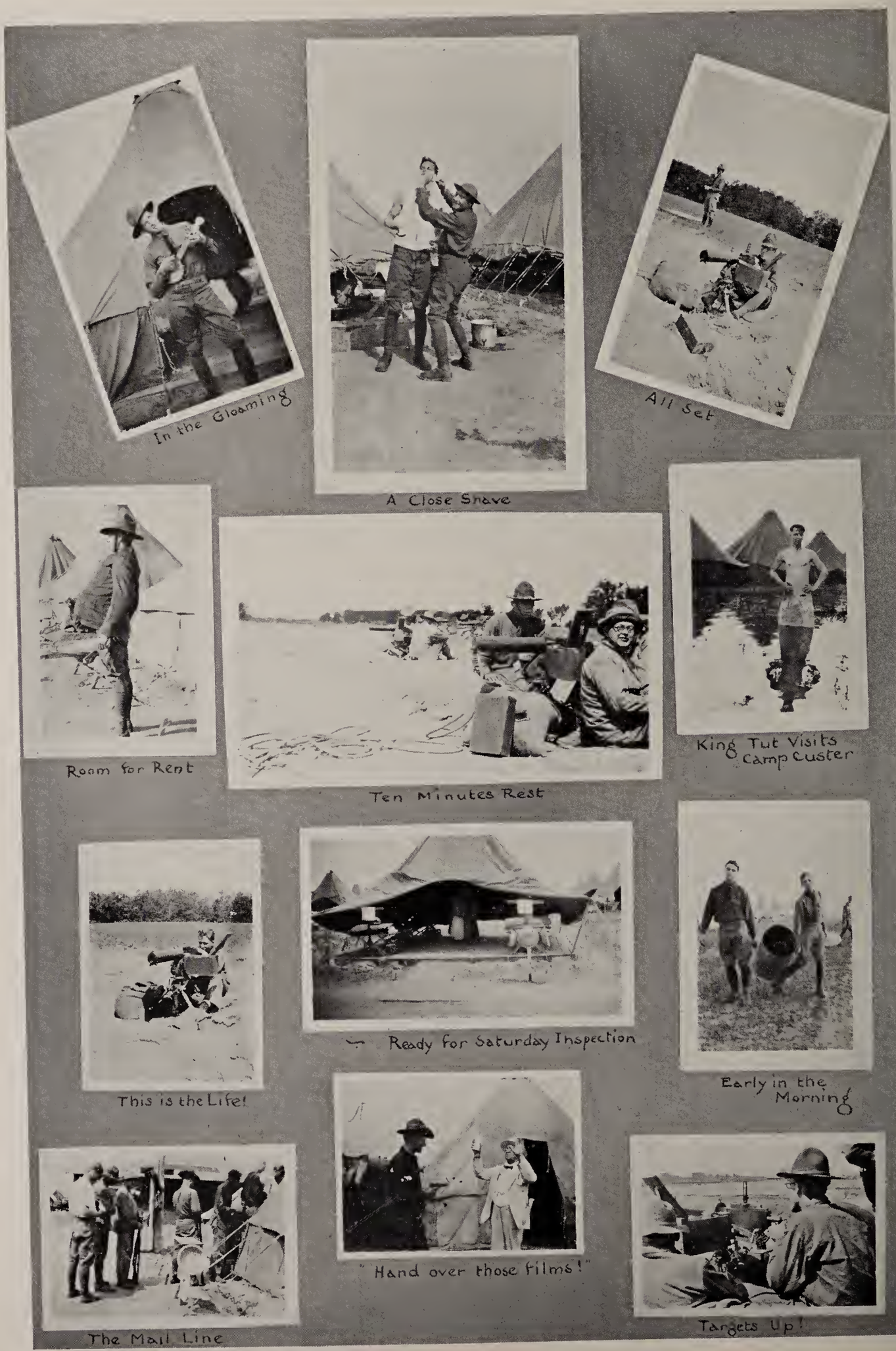
AN R.O.T.C. nightmare

why BOYS STAY HOME

MOONSHINE HAS NOTHING ON THE 30 WHEN IT COMES TO KICK

some cavalrymen are taking up aviation

"CONSTANTLY ON THE ALERT"
Bill Baile


In the Gloaming
A Close Shave
All Set
Room for Rent
Ten Minutes Rest
King Tut Visits Camp Custer
This is the Life!
Ready for Saturday Inspection
Early in the Morning
"Hand over those films!"
The Mail Line
Targets Up!

The Chaplains' Page

GENERAL PERSHING has said that "Religion contains the secret of and impetus toward clean living. Therefore a steady effort is made to put the hearts of men into right relation to God."

The Army Training Program recognizes that the foundation of success, for the soldier as well as the civilian, is religion. At all Army Training Camps a sufficient number of Chaplains are detailed for duty to provide for the moral and religious needs of the various student bodies.

As a loyal patriotic citizen the soldier is not only willing to answer the call to the defense of his country but he also prepares for most efficient service by observing the obligations of practical religion. No man can be a successful soldier except he be clean physically, mentally and morally. The best soldier is he who is true to his religious obligations.

CHAPLAINS FUTCHER AND FELL

The chaplains who are charged with the care of the religious and moral interests of the command have a continuous program extending throughout the entire period of training. They are commissioned to work among all the men without distinction of creed.

The specific work of the chaplains is to stress the religious forces of life, not only from the rostrum but in more intimate personal talks with the individual man. The chaplains also deliver a series of addresses on character building and citizenship.

The Sunday religious services were conducted in the Liberty Theatre at which time the audience was addressed not only by chaplains but by representative men and clergymen of wide repute. In addition to these addresses a marked feature of these services was the spirited singing by the men. Many religious creeds are represented and as far as possible special services were held for each of the larger groups.

The pastors of the local churches have shown an active interest in the student soldiers, not only extending to them a hearty welcome when they visited the churches but also in a social and recreative way.

In addition to the regular religious activities the following have been carried on by the chaplains:

(1) A Chaplain's office, established in a central location where men came for religious consultation and advice.

(2) Moral lectures were arranged in conjunction with the training program for the promotion of high moral standards.

(3) Cooperation has been established with religious organizations in the vicinity of the Camp.

(4) Visitation of the sick in hospital.

(5) Cooperation with the Red Cross and similar agencies in maintaining home contacts.

(6) Cooperation with the recreation officer and hostesses for entertainment programs at the Hostess House.

(7) Assistance in the reception accorded to the arriving students, informing them of the religious services available, and tendering to them such helpful advice, information and service as may be at the disposal of the Chaplains throughout the period of training.

"School is out!" You are glad! As you return with your honors to your college and universities the chaplains bid you Godspeed, knowing that in whatever way your larger service may be needed by your country you are among those upon whom your country can depend. The best of luck!

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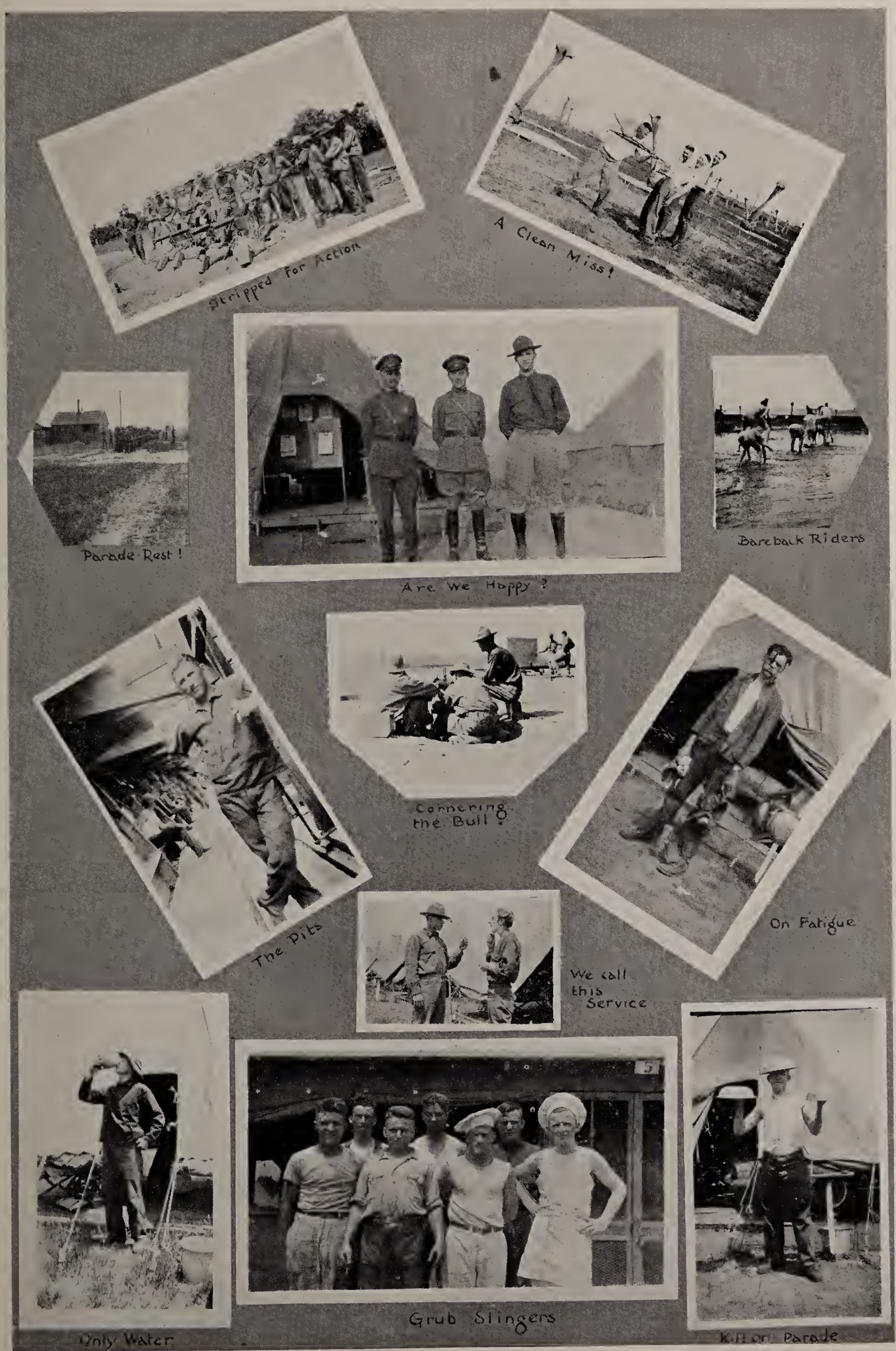
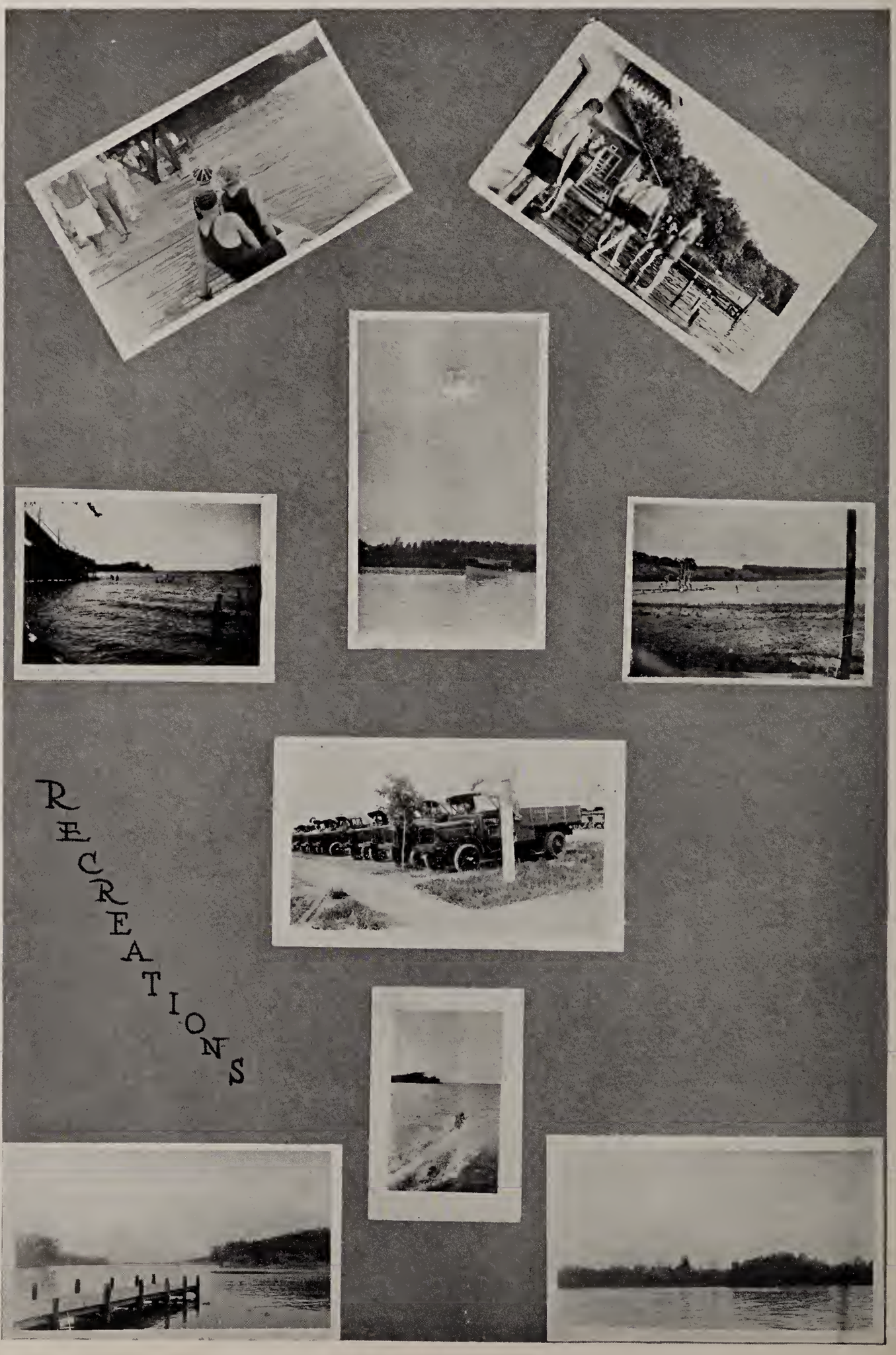
"Dear Diz"
Arriving in Camp
After a Days Work
Sunday Morning
"Dont Shoot; Ill —"
He Forgot to Bring Tooth picks!
"Record" Fire
Denims
"I bid ..."
Don't Trip!
"Stand by!"
Would his Folks Know Him?
On Guard!


Stripped For Action
A Clean Miss!
Parade Rest!
Are We Happy?
Bareback Riders
Cornering the Bull
The Pits
On Fatigue
We call this Service
Only Water
Grub Slingers
K.P. on Parade


RECREATIONS

Recreation

DURING spare moments and on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and Sundays, various recreational activities were planned by the Camp Recreation Officer and enjoyed by large numbers of students. The camp owes a debt of gratitude to the Battle Creek Chamber of Commerce, to the proprietors of the Gull Lake hotel, and to Miss Goodwin, the camp hostess, and her assistants, for the kind and hospitable entertainment offered.

Every Tuesday evening was designated as "College Night" at the Labelle Resort, Gull Lake hotel. Nothing special was planned other than the usual dancing there, but there was always a truckload or two of R. O. T. C. students enjoying the music furnished by "L. A. Spaulding and his orchestra."

Every Friday evening, however, during the camp, there was a special dance in the Camp Custer Hostess house for R. O. T. C. students and officers. This was purely a college affair, each arm of the service represented acting as hosts for one dance. Music of more than ordinary quality was furnished by the 6th Infantry orchestra and punch was furnished by the generous camp Mess Officer, Capt. O'Connell. This weekly dance soon came to be the event of the week and was looked forward to eagerly by all concerned.

Several trips to large manufacturing plants in Battle Creek were carried out. Kelloggs Corn Flakes Co. was visited twice, the Postum Cereal Co. once and the famous sanitarium twice. A feature of these trips was the refreshment that the hosts always "put out" at the end of the inspection.

Swimming is always a popular sport in the good old summer time, and R. O. T. C. students proved that this camp was no exception to the old rule. Excellent though a bit remote facilities were provided at Eagle Lake in camp and Gull Lake was wonderful at all hours of the day or night.

As we go to press, a final farewell picnic is being planned for Sunday afternoon, July 22, to be held at Gull Lake. A picnic lunch will be sent out and everybody will have a good chance to say goodby to their local affinity in a fitting and proper manner.

The Fourth of July was celebrated in a manner quite befitting the occasion. In the morning there was a very interesting and well managed Horse Show, in which the numerous Cavalry entrants carried away the lions share of the spoils. Col. Sherburne, our R. O. T. C. camp Executive Officer, riding his thoroughbred "Big Mack" gave a pretty exhibition in the Officers and Hunter Class and carried away the "blue" after a clean performance. In the afternoon there was a ball game, and in the evening there was boxing followed by a startling pyrotechnical display, put on by the Chemical Warfare Service. The camp celebration was attended by thousands of civilians from the surrounding towns and cities who have learned now that Camp Custer is doing all that it can to show them that the Army is really functioning and carrying out efficiently its policy of national defense.

EXTRAS

THEATRE

When we pose---
Venice
Hard?
Indoor Sports
Peacock Alley
on the shores of Infantry Lake
What the Laundry did!
The First Day
When necessity calls.
A Venetian Palace
Ready on the Left
Mace at Venice — A Side Street
The pits made Physical Training unnecessary.

A Farewell

THE R. O. T. C. camp of 1923 is nearing its end. You gentlemen are about to return to your homes and later to your colleges and schools. Your work here has been well done. Your spirit and esprit during the camp has been fine sometimes under trying circumstances. You have put forth your best efforts and your duties in camp have been performed willingly in a spirit of cooperation without which no camp can be a success. I think you are to be congratulated upon the camp this year. It could not have been a success without your efforts.

Your officers and instructors have worked at all times for your interests and have made every effort to iron out the little frictions and irritating incidents which have arisen. Their objective has been to give you the best training possible and have you leave the camp better mentally, morally and physically for having been here. The real benefit which you have received will probably not show itself immediately but in the years to come you will be enabled to look back with the greatest satisfaction on the results of your training. Young men are loath to appreciate the great advantages of military training. Real success in life depends more upon the basic qualities of the individual than upon mere book learning. Without health it is difficult for any man to succeed. You gentlemen are being trained as leaders to command. The essential qualities of a successful commander are character, good judgment, and common sense, understanding of men, administrational, organizational and executive ability, knowledge, intelligence, health, presence and manual dexterity. Of all these the most important is character.

My advice to you is to cultivate these qualities and thus better fit yourselves to perform the duties of reserve officers. A reserve officer of the Army of the United States is a marked man. He receives the stamp of approval of his Government. In return a high standard is expected of him. Make up your minds to give the value received. Play the game well. Our country will need leaders of your type in the future as it has needed them in the past. I am sure that your training here will serve to help you accomplish that object.

In conclusion let me express my appreciation for your hearty cooperation and interest in the work of the camp and wish you success and Godspeed in your future fields of activity.

W. T. Merry,
Col. Inf. D. O. L.

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